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Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to state the following with regard to certain groundless allegations made against the peaceful nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran by certain Security Council members, particularly the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and France, in the 6036th meeting of the Council, held on 10 December 2008.

1. As we have stressed on various occasions, and as the concrete facts on the ground as well as the reports of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) clearly suggest, Iran's nuclear programme has been, is and will remain absolutely peaceful. The latest report of the IAEA Director General attests to the exclusively peaceful nature of the nuclear programme of the Islamic Republic of Iran, both in the past and at present. The report also shows that Iran is fully committed to its international obligations with regard to its peaceful nuclear programme, and has been cooperating with the Agency in a responsible and transparent manner. Iran's cooperation with IAEA has gone far beyond its treaty obligations. In this regard, the latest IAEA report indicates that for instance: "since March 2007, 20 unannounced inspections have been conducted at the Fuel Enrichment Plant"; "the Agency has been able to continue to verify the non-diversion of declared nuclear material in Iran"; and "Iran has provided the Agency with access to declared nuclear material and has provided the required nuclear material accounting reports in connection with declared nuclear material and activities".

2. By resolving the six past outstanding issues according to the agreed Work Plan, on the one hand; and conducting all its present activities, including the enrichment, under the full and continuous monitoring of IAEA based on the IAEA statute, the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and the comprehensive safeguards agreement, on the other, the Islamic Republic of Iran has removed any so-called concerns or ambiguities with regard to its peaceful nuclear activities in the past and at present. Moreover, the full implementation of the Work Plan and thus resolution and closure of all six outstanding issues have undoubtedly eliminated the most basic pretexts and allegations on the basis of which Iran's peaceful nuclear programme was referred to the Security Council, and demonstrates that the actions taken against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the Council have been unfair, unwarranted and unlawful.

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3. Iran has repeatedly expressed its readiness for constructive dialogue on this issue and has always found the same countries that make such baseless allegations against our country unprepared to engage in serious negotiations. Undoubtedly, no amount of allegations, pressure or intimidation will be able to deprive our nation of its inalienable rights and the Iranian nation will remain determined to exercise its rights as regards peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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